

## **Perry Beale Investigation**

On July 22, 2004 the U.S. Attorney Office announced that criminal charges were being filed against Perry Beale charging him with 38 counts of mail fraud for falsely and fraudulently portraying himself as a Medical Physicist and Radiation Safety Officer qualified to inspect and service mammography equipment and other medical facilities using radioactive materials.

The following information was posted on the [U.S. District Attorney's web site](#) on July 22, 2004:

### **Information concerning the federal investigation of Perry Morrison Beale:**

- [Statement of John Brownlee, U.S. Attorney](#)
- [Statement of Dr. Charles Finder](#)
- [Criminal Information](#)
- [Press Release \(May 12, 2005\) Sentenced to 54 months incarceration and \\$375,000 restitution.](#)

NOTE: The documents on the above links are archived on to the VDH web server, in case the US. District Attorney's web site removes these documents.

VDH records indicate Mr. Perry Beal voluntarily removed himself from the Virginia Private Inspector's List on October 2, 2002 for providing mammography services, and on March 7, 2003 for inspecting diagnostic X-ray machines.

Virginia X-ray machines registrants who used Mr. Beale as a medical physicist and are on an annual inspection cycle should already have an inspection performed by another qualified Private Inspector. Those on a three year inspection cycle, such as dental, veterinary, and podiatry facilities, should schedule an inspection at their regularly scheduled inspection due date noted on the green certificate. Unless you have noticed that either the image quality has degraded, or exposure times have increased to compensate for poor image quality, registrants should not schedule an inspection sooner.

As always, if you suspect that your X-ray machine is not performing satisfactorily, consult your medical physicist or service provider.